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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: YAMAMOTO et al  
Serial No.: 10/087,771  
Filed: March 5, 2002  
For: Plasma Processing Apparatus And Method  
Art Unit: 1763  
Examiner: P. Hassanzadeh

PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop: Amendment (Fee)  
Commissioner For Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 16, 2004

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, applicants hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time to permit the filing of a response within the second month subsequent to the expiration of the shortened statutory period set in the outstanding Office Action mailed July 16, 2004.

A payment in the amount of \$450.00 to cover the fee required for the requested extension of time is attached hereto.

It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 500.41372X00).

Respectfully submitted,

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